

FROM THE CITY BY THE LAKE.

An Afro-American Hotel Sorely Needed in Chicago—Dr. Williams Restores a Noted African to Health and Happiness—Colored Women Form a Business Association—Movements in Musical Circles—Hasty Glimpses of the Passing Throng

Chicago, Ill., Special.—Prof. Walter Dammond, the assistant bridge builder of the Michigan Central Ry., is in Chicago, in the interest of the construction of a bridge over the Calumet river.

Prof. R. A. Byrd, of Quincy, Ill., spent several days in the city on business last week. Prof. Byrd is principal of the Lincoln School of Quincy and is negotiating for the establishment of an Industrial School to be located in that city.

Dr. T. J. DeCelleland, editor of the Illinois Conservatory, has been called to the pastorate of the Union Baptist church, which is the largest of that denomination in Springfield Ill. Dr. DeCelleland is superintendent of the Harriet Beecher Stowe Industrial Institute of Danville, Illinois, for which he has labored long and earnestly. He is smart and intelligent and can justly be called one of our coming young men of whom the race can be proud.

Rev. Jordan C. Chavis of Springfield Ill., has recently been appointed head of the Republican Political Bureau at the Great Northern Hotel; he took charge July 4th.

Senator T. T. Allain, the "old war hoass" is in the city booming up things in the interest of the republican party. The Conservator says of Senator Allain:

—T. T. Allain, a former Louisiana senator and now a resident of the third ward, had the honor to be one of assistant sergeant-at-arms at the Philadelphia convention. His appointment was secured on the recommendation of Comptroller Dawes, and he was placed in charge of the special platform where were seated congressmen and other dignitaries. Mr. Allain performed his duties so well that George N. Wiswell, sergeant at arms, presented him a handsome mahogany baton. Attached to it are red, white and blue ribbons, upon which are printed the place and date of the convention. Mr. Allain will speak in support of the Republican ticket among the colored people of the country."

Louis Johnston, who was shot and instantly killed by a man named Budd Jones on June 17th, was the son of Mrs. Louis Johnston, formerly of Indianapolis, Ind. The shooting was the result of a quarrel over money matters. Louis Johnston was the brother to W. Alphonso Johnston, who is blind, and who holds a splendid position as organist of Grace Presbyterian church.

Rev. M. M. Mokone, P. E., A. M. E. Church, came from Pretoria, South Africa, to attend the recent Conference of the A. M. E. church at Columbus, Ohio. After he had served his people in the Conference he was advised by the Bishops to go to Chicago and undergo a surgical operation for a large tumor, which not only deformed him but made life almost unbearable. His church friends turned him over to Dr. Daniel H. Williams who removed the large tumor, and restored him to perfect health and physical appearance.

One thing greatly needed in Chicago is a hotel. Any person who is contemplating opening or building a hotel, for the patronage of colored people, would do the wise thing to come to this beautiful metropolis where strangers are compelled, unless they have friends, to recognize the "room for rent" sign. A first-class hotel, centrally located, owned by a colored man,

would not only prove a success financially, but be something of which the citizens would point to with pride.

The Inter-Racial service given at Bethel church on Monday, June 25 was an interesting affair, there being present representatives from South America, Scandinavia, China, Japan, India and America. The following notable gentlemen spoke: Rev. T. A. I. of South Africa, Mr. H. S. Kimura, Japan; Mr. Gottfried Tiller, Scandinavian, Mr. Peter C. Bow, China, Mr. H. P. Jones, American Negro; Rev. Mokone of South Africa, Dr. Charles Montezuma, Apache Indian. The formal introductory remarks were made by the pastor of Bethel church, Rev. R. C. Ransom.

During the month of July many of many of Chicago's leading musicians will play or sing in different parts of the United States. Several large companies have been rehearsing all summer, and many of our best singers and pianists have booked with them. Miss Daisy Robinson who has so successfully handled the big pipe organ at Quinn Chapel for years, will make an extended tour as accompanist to one of the Stayton Concert Companies, while Miss Gertrude Jackson, organist of Olivet Baptist church, will betake herself to South Dakota under the Metropolitan Bureau. Mr. Tinsley will sing in Green Bay, Michigan. Mr. John Shaw recently gave a song recital in Evanston, Ill., assisted by Mr. Charles Pickett, piano. The songs by S. Coleridge Taylor are being extensively used for teaching purposes by the best masters in the city.

The Colored Woman's Business Club is a new feature in the arena of organization. The club is composed entirely of ladies who are proficient in art, trade or profession of some kind. There is also to be an employment bureau attached which will afford all kinds of help from a domestic to a stenographer. The promoters of the club are young business women who are well known, and who are endeavoring to make this club an exceptional one—one from which great good will result. They hope to secure a charter this month. The members are to be congratulated upon the start made in this direction, and also encouraged. They have much to look forward to, and through constant effort and energy they may become one of the most successful clubs among women.

The Chicago list of Afro-Americans at the Paris Exposition are a credit to the metropolis of the Northwest. Those whose work has won immediate distinction are: improved trolley wheel Dr. E. R. Robinson; shoe polish, Mr. A. C. Howard; photograph, Miss Mattie Johnson. Only colored saleslady employed by the Siegel, Cooper Company; smoke consumer, J. Jackson; hand-made quilt of silk thread, Miss Gertrude Moore. The latest addition to the United States exhibit is an improved army cot by L. C. Bailey of Washington, D. C.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving remembrance of my beloved and affectionate husband, THOMAS T. NORRIS, who departed this life one year ago today, July 9, 1899.

One year has passed and still I miss thee. Friends may think the wound is healed; But they little know the sorrow That lies within my heart concealed.

By his wife,
THOMASINE F. NORRIS.

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Subordinate Fountains are composed of males and females, sound in health and mind, and of good moral character.

Conventions.—When joining the Order through Conventions, persons are taken in from 14 to 50 years of age; when joining the Fountain by application persons are taken from 14 to 60 years of age complete.

Joining or Benefit Fees.—From 14 to 20 years of age, \$4.00; at 20, \$5.10; at 25, \$5.60; at 30, \$6.80.

Death Benefits.—\$75 and \$125. Should death occur within the first year, \$75; after the first year, \$125 will be paid to the heirs, assigns or legal representatives.

Sick Benefits.—From \$6 to \$9 per month, paid weekly.

Monthly Dues are 35 or 50 cents per month. Taxes are 80 cents annually, paid semi-annually, January and July. The monthly dues secure the highest weekly sick benefits.

Life Membership.—Ten shares of Bank Stock, costing each member \$5 a share, make said member a life member. After paying dues and owning the stock one year, the fruits of the stock will pay the member's dues, and leave a handsome little balance each year. Just calculate—monthly dues, 50 cents per month, and taxes 80 cents per year, amount to \$6.80, and a dividend on ten shares of stock at 20 per cent on the dollar, or \$1 per share, amounts to \$10 annually, which will pay the member's dues, \$6.80, and leave a balance of \$3.20. Should the dues be 35 cents per month, and 80 cents taxes per year, the monthly dues and taxes will amount to \$5 per year. The dividend of \$10 would pay the monthly dues and taxes, and leave a balance of \$5.

Additional Benefits of Life Membership.—Should adverse circumstances befall a member, said member may take his ten shares of stock and Fountain policy, and secure a loan from \$1 to \$88, which will enable said member to tide over the misfortune, pay up the loan, redeem his policy and stock, and go on his way rejoicing.

2. ROSEBUD FOUNTAIN (For the Children.)

Rosebud Fountains are composed for children, male and female, from 3 to 14 years of age.

Joining or Benefit Fees, \$1.50; paid spot cash or by instalments.

Death Benefits.—\$24.50 and \$37.00. Should death occur within the first year, \$24.50; after the first year \$37 will be paid to the parents or guardians.

Sick Benefits.—From \$1.50 to \$4.00 per month paid weekly; 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1 per week, respectively. The highest monthly dues purchase the highest weekly sick benefits.

Monthly Dues and Taxes.—The monthly dues are 10 cents, 15 cents, or 25 cents, respectively, just as the Fountain may decide. Taxes, 10 cents annually, paid semi-annually, January and July. The child is allowed to purchase five shares of Bank Stock, which makes his policy self-supporting, with a balance each year.

3. THE REGALLA.

This Department furnishes all Regalla that is worn by the members of the Order. For style and prices write for price list.

4. CLASSES.

B and E classes admit a membership, male and female, and secure life and death benefits.

B Class Policies are as follows:

CLASS B TABLE.

Ages.	Joining Fee.	Value of Certificate.	Annual Dues.	Paid Quarterly.
14 to 25 years.....	\$2.50	\$200.00	\$4.75	\$1.20
25 to 35 years.....	2.75	200.00	4.75	1.20
35 to 45 years.....	3.00	200.00	5.70	1.43
45 to 50 years.....	3.25	140.00	6.65	1.66
50 to 55 years.....	3.25	115.00	6.65	1.66
55 to 60 years.....	3.50	90.00	7.60	1.90
60 to 65 years.....	3.50	65.00	7.60	1.90

E Class Policies are as follows:

CLASS E TABLE.

Ages.	Joining Fee.	Value of Certificate.	Annual Dues.	Paid Quarterly.
14 to 25 years.....	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$9.50	\$2.40
25 to 35 years.....	5.25	500.00	9.50
35 to 45 years.....	5.50	500.00	10.40
45 to 50 years.....	5.75	450.00	11.40	2.85
50 to 55 years.....	5.75	400.00	11.40	2.85
55 years (Complete).....	6.00	350.00	11.00	2.35

The ages are reckoned from the last birthday.

Remember that the applicant is benefited as soon as his policy is issued.

The annual dues of either of the above named Classes may be divided into quarterly payments of three months each, payable the 1st of January, April, July, and October.

The balance of annual dues remaining to the credit of each member after paying expenses will go to the purchase of Bank Stock for said member.

If dues are paid annually in advance, the member gets 5 per cent drawback in cash, and his full proportion of annual dues. By the latter mode of payment each member is made his own collector, thereby making the membership independent of the agent, and self-supporting, and the member receiving the percentage that would be paid to the agent to collect.

You will readily see that the members of either one of these classes are only required to meet once or four times a year, while the Fountains and Rosebuds meet twice a month.

Life Benefits.—The members of B Class are allowed to purchase 15 shares of Bank Stock, two shares for each year of their membership. The stock yields a dividend of 10 per cent, or one dollar per share. Should misfortune befall them on their pathway of life, they may take their stock certificates and policies, and secure a loan after a given period of time.

Members of Class E can purchase 25 shares of Bank Stock, and two shares for each year of their membership; likewise, they may take their policies and certificates of Bank Stock, and secure a loan after a given period of time. You will readily see that the membership, in either one of these Classes, like the Fountains and the Rosebuds, benefits the member in health, as well as his family in death.

15. THE TRUE REFORMERS' BANK.

The Savings Bank of the G. F. U. O. T. R. was chartered March 1888. Its capital stock is \$100,000. It commenced business April 3, 1889. The amount of business to March 1, 1898, is \$3,458,100. The stock of this bank is sold to the membership of the Fountains, Rosebuds, B and E classes, and pays a dividend of 20 per cent on the dollar. Persons can deposit their moneys on time or demand. The bank pays 4 per cent interest on all time deposits. Moneys on demand are held subject to the orders of the depositors. Deposits are received from 10 cents and upwards. Special attention is given to the collection of notes and drafts. In 1893 this was the only bank in Richmond which continued to pay currency to its depositors during the financial stringency, while the other banks were using scrip.

6. REAL ESTATE OF THE U. O. T. R.

This Department manages and controls the property of the organization. It grew out of the necessity of having offices and buildings in which to carry on the business of the organization, and to furnish halls for the Subordinate Lodges. Buildings now owned, 12; farms, 3; dwellings, 2; hotels, 1; with a fee simple value of \$104,000. Buildings leased, 13.

7. THE REFORMER, the Organ of the Order.

The Reformer is the Beacon-Light, the Head-Light, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is a live race journal, with a circulation of 6,000. It is the medium of the Order, and its columns teem with all its doings and achievements. Send for sample copies. It is published weekly in The Reformer Printing Office, Richmond, Va., having a first-class job department, and makes a specialty of high-class work.